

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:79  
ANSWERED ON:05.12.2003  
NPAs OF BANKS  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the loans written off by State Bank of India and other public sector banks as non-performing assets during the last financial year;
- (b) whether the write-off done in the last financial year is more than that of previous year;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of recoveries of NPAs by these banks during the last financial year in comparison to previous year?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF FINANCE [SHRI JASWANT SINGH]

(a) to (d) : A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT FOR LOKSABHA STARRED QUESTION NO 79 FOR 5th DECEMBER 2003 REGARDING NPAs OF B  
TABLED BY SHRI MOHAN RAWALE

(a),(b),(c) &(d): The details of loans written off and recoveries made by State Bank of India (SBI) and Public Sector Banks for the year 2001-02 and 2002-03 are as under:

(Rupees in crore)

| Banks | Amount written off |  | Recoveries made |  |
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|  | 2001-02 | 2002-03 | 2001-02 | 2002-03 |
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| State Bank of India | 2626.23 | 4071.39 | 4559.35 | 6668.35 |
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| Public Sector Banks | 6428.00 | 9448.00 | 14059.18 | 18730.15 |
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Banks have been able to increase provisions for Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) due to their improved performance. These provisions have been utilized to write off NPAs and cleanse balance sheets, avail tax benefits and to bring the level of NPAs down to the internationally accepted benchmarks. However, these write offs are technical in nature and banks continue their efforts to make recovery even from written off accounts.